



House Bill No. 5507

Special Act No. 18-4

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE SOUTH CENTRAL CONNECTICUT
REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Section 10 of special act 77-98, as amended by section 6 of public act 02-85 and section 3 of special act 13-20, is amended to read as follows (*Effective from passage*):

[Whenever] Except in the event of an emergency, whenever a public hearing is required under sections 1 to 33, inclusive, of special act 77-98, as amended by sections 1 to 11, inclusive, of special act 78-24, sections 2 to 21, inclusive, of public act 02-85 and [this act] special act 13-20, notice of such hearing shall be published by the representative policy board at least twenty days before the date set therefor, in a newspaper or newspapers having a general circulation in each city and town comprising the district. In the event of an emergency, notice of such hearing shall be authorized by the chairman of the representative policy board and published in such newspaper or newspapers at least seven days before the date set therefor. If there is no such newspaper, such notice shall be published in one or more electronic media, including, without limitation, the authority's Internet web site, as are likely to reach a broad segment of persons within the district. Such notice shall set forth the date, time and place of such hearing and shall

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include a description of the matters to be considered at such hearing. A copy of the notice shall be filed in the office of the clerk of each such city and town and shall be available for inspection by the public. At such hearings, all the users of the water supply system or the wastewater system, owners of property served or to be served and other interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard concerning the matters under consideration. When appropriate, the chairman of the representative policy board may convene more than one hearing on any matter and direct such hearings to be held in suitable locations within the district so as to assure broader participation by the general public in discussion of the matters under consideration, provided in the case of the sale or transfer of real property pursuant to section 18 of special act 77-98, as amended by section 7 of special act 78-24, section 14 of public act 02-85 and section 5 of [this act] special act 13-20, a public hearing shall be held in the city or town in which such real property is situated. Any decision of the representative policy board on matters considered at such public hearing shall be in writing and shall be published in a newspaper or newspapers having a general circulation in each city and town comprising the district within thirty days after such decision is made. For purposes of this section, "emergency" means a determination by the chief executive officer of the authority, the chairman of the authority and the chairman of the representative policy board, or their designees, that (1) delay in the award of a contract or the expenditure of capital funds may threaten the public's safety or place property at risk, (2) immediate action is necessary to respond to or recover from a natural disaster or invasion or other hostile action, or (3) immediate action is necessary to respond to an event threatening or compromising the integrity of the authority's information systems and associated infrastructure.